

LONG ASHTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF

HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1961.

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Committees concerned with matters of Public Health are:-	

Public Health and Housing Committee
Planning Committee
Accident Prevention Committee.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Long Ashton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my first Annual Report on the health, sanitary and social condition of the District for the year ending the 31st December, 1961.

Following the resignation of Dr. M.C. O'Connor on the 31st December, 1960, I commenced duties as your Medical Officer of Health in March, 1961, the short intervening period having been filled by Dr. R.F. White.

The information contained therein is, as far as possible, in conformity with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, with such added matter as is deemed necessary for record and for your information and interest.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	45,435 acres
Population, as assessed by the Registrar General for mid 1961	29,130
Population as found at Census on April 23rd, 1961	29,304
Estimated population at December, 1961	30,160
Number of permanent dwellings in District at 31.12.61.	9,634
Rateable Value	£361,861
Product of Penny Rate	£1,440

VITAL STATISTICS.

MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	282	257	539
Illegitimate	11	15	26
Totals	293	272	565

Rate per 1,000 population - 19.3.

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS.

Rate per cent of total live births - 4.6%.

STILL BIRTHS.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	2	-	2
Total	6	3	9

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 15.8.

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
299	275	574

INFANT DEATHS.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under one week	2	2	4
Total under 4 weeks	2	3	5
Total under 1 year	2	3	5 (All legitimate)

INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births - 8.8.

Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births - 9.2.

Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births - 0.

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE.

Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births - 8.8.

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE.

Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births - 7.08.

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE.

Still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births - 22.3.

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Including Abortions).

Number of deaths - Nil.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths in the District was 328, details of which are given below and this figure gives the following death rate - 11.1 per 1,000 population:-

CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Return).

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	0	2
Tuberculosis, other	0	1	1
Syphilitic disease	1	0	1
Other infective and parasitic disease	0	1	1
Cancer, stomach	4	3	7
Cancer, lung and bronchus	5	3	8
Cancer, breast		7	7
Cancer, uterus		2	2
Cancer, all others	19	14	33
Leukaemia	3	1	4
Vascular diseases of nervous system	21	28	49
Coronary disease, angina	36	33	69
Hypertension with heart disease	5	4	9
Other heart disease	11	20	31
Other circulatory disease	8	14	22
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	6	11	17
Bronchitis	5	6	11
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	1	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	0	1	1
Enlarged prostate, non-malignant	1		1
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion		0	0
Congenital malformation	0	1	1
Other defined or ill defined diseases	13	14	27
Motor vehicle accidents	5	2	7
All other accidents	2	4	6
Suicide	0	0	0
Totals	154	174	328

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following cases of notifiable diseases were reported during the year:-

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>
Measles	790
Scarlet fever	10
Dysentery	17
Whooping Cough	39
Acute primary pneumonia	10
Erysipelas	1
Food poisoning	7
Tuberculosis. Respiratory	6
Non-respiratory	6

IMMUNISATION.

The following figures are supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health. The work is carried out by General Practitioners or at School or Infant Welfare Clinics.

Diphtheria.

Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation.

Age.	<u>Under 1.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>5 - 9.</u>	<u>10 - 14.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>	(1960)
	104	284	48	16	7	35	3	497	375

Re-inforcing Injections.

Age.	<u>3.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>4 - 9.</u>	<u>10 - 14.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>	(1960)
	1	2	312	10	325	472

Smallpox.

Number of persons vaccinated (P) or re-vaccinated (R) during the year.

Age.	<u>Under 1.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>2 - 4.</u>	<u>5 - 14.</u>	<u>15 or over.</u>	<u>Totals.</u>	(1960)
	<u>P.</u> <u>R.</u>	<u>P.</u> <u>R.</u>	<u>P.</u> <u>R.</u>	<u>P.</u> <u>R.</u>	<u>P.</u> <u>R.</u>	<u>P.</u> <u>R.</u>	
	183 -	35 -	12 -	7 3	3 2	240 5	208

Whooping Cough.

Number of children who completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of whooping cough vaccine, singly or combined with other.

Age.	<u>Under 1.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>5.- 14.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	(1960)
	103	282	47	16	6	13	467	324

Poliomyelitis.

Primary Course (2 injections) and third (re-inforcing) injections.

<u>Born 1943/61.</u>	<u>Born 1935/42.</u>	<u>Under 40.</u>	<u>Over 40 & Priority.</u>	<u>3rd Dose All groups.</u>	<u>4th dose.</u>
682	166	538	7	1,335	2,202.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Bristol Waterwork's Company's supply has been satisfactory throughout the year in quality and quantity and there has been no shortage anywhere in the District. With the exception of a few isolated groups of houses or individual houses a piped water supply provided by the Bristol Water Works Company is now available throughout the area.

No bacteriological examination or chemical analysis was made of this piped supply during the year. No action was necessary with regard to any waters liable to have plumbo-solvent action. Action was not necessary in respect of any form of contamination in piped supplies.

The number of dwelling houses and the estimated number of the population supplied from water mains is as follows and this information is also given separately in respect of each parish:-

	<u>DIRECT TO HOUSES.</u>			<u>BY STANDPIPES.</u>		
	<u>Public.</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Private</u>
		<u>Companies</u>			<u>Companies</u>	
Number of dwellings	-	9,336	19	-	62	-
Population	-	29,196	72	-	198	-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Area in Acres</u>	<u>Approx. Population at 31.12.61.</u>	<u>Number of houses.</u>	<u>Number of Houses supplied direct from mains.</u>	<u>Number of Houses supplied from standpipes.</u>	<u>Estimated Population Supplied Direct.</u>	<u>Estimated Population Supplied from Stand- pipes.</u>
Abbots Leigh	2260	770	229	222	-	746	-
Backwell	2929	3400	1055	1043	-	3368	-
Barrow Gurney	2064	380	104	95	6	347	19
Brockley	1148	230	84	79	-	217	-
Clapton-in-Gordano	1355	280	85	70	-	231	-
Cleeve	1013	890	272	263	-	833	-
Dundry	2598	900	273	241	-	795	-
Easton-in-Gordano	1864	4080	1344	1328	-	4050	-
Flax Bourton	630	350	101	91	3	312	9
Kenn	830	230	70	64	-	210	-
Kingston Seymour	2652	210	67	61	-	191	-
Long Ashton	4018	4350	1303	1293	4	4330	13
Nailsea	2866	4280	1523	1483	6	4180	19
North Weston	1063	1770	618	598	8	1715	26
Portbury	2845	450	142	135	-	428	-
Tickenham	1629	960	267	256	-	920	-
Walton-in-Gordano	908	250	98	72	-	184	-
Weston-in-Gordano	708	220	63	55	4	192	12
Winford	3340	1230	345	300	25	1070	81
Wraxall	4125	1680	574	554	6	1600	19
Yatton	3589	3250	1017	1012	-	3247	-
TOTAL	45,434	30,160	9,634	9,315	62	29,196	198

Water supplies from Wells:-

Number of Samples taken for Analysis

Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
-	1	-	1
Number of wells closed		7	
Number of houses relying on		(a) well supplies	96
		(b) spring supplies	15

Extensions or Improvements of supplies during the year

NONE

Future Proposals

WINFORD & DUNDY Extension of Bristol Water Works Company's main to Littleton area. Scheme under consideration and not yet submitted to County Council.

Approximate cost £4240.

Public Swimming Pools & Baths.

There are none owned by this local authority.

There is one private swimming pool with an efficient chlorination plant, at the Ashton Country Club.

Backwell Secondary Modern School has a learners' swimming pool and the pupils are allowed to receive instruction during the whole of their secondary school life, normally during the summer term only.

The Grammar School at Nailsea is considering the possibility of building its own training pool with the aid of a grant from the Education Committee.

The Rural District Council has appointed a sub-Committee to consider the provision of a Public Swimming Bath in the Nailsea/Backwell area.

The County Council has now agreed to consider applications from local authorities for grants.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Of the 21 Parishes in this district the following have main drainage and efficient disposal systems either complete or for areas as noted :

Backwell - excluding Backwell Common and Downside.

Cleeve - excluding Plunder Street and eastern portion of parish.

Long Ashton - excluding Leigh Woods and Bridgwater Road area.

Flax Bourton

Easton-in-Gordano

Nailsea

North Weston - excluding Redcliffe Bay area.

Clapton-in-Gordano

Portbury

Yatton - excluding Lower Claverham and North End area.

During the year the following works were completed or in progress:-

Extensions completed

Backwell

Cost

Extension of sewer to Farleigh Church Lane. £ 4,435

Easton-in-Gordano

Lodway surface water drainage scheme. £ 2,104

Nailsea

Stage 3 (Village and Old Church areas) of Nailsea sewerage and sewage disposal scheme £89,951
(contract sum)

In Progress:

Winford

Cost

Sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Winford and Felton £124,243

Yatton

Replacement of pumping plant by installation of new pumps and Comminutor at sewage pumping station. £ 3,720

Future Proposals(Priority Group 1)

Nailsea

Approximate
Cost

Surface water sewer to Whitesfield Road (Back Lane) and Kingshill areas. Scheme revised and awaiting Ministry approval. £ 26,000

Long Ashton & Dundry

Sewerage and sewage disposal scheme to Bridgwater Road and Barrow Lane area. Scheme revised with discharge to Bristol Corporation sewers in lieu of sewage disposal works. Awaiting Ministry approval. £ 26,151

North Weston

Sewerage and sewage disposal to Redcliffe Bay by joint scheme with Portishead U.D.C. Scheme approved by County Council and now before the Ministry. £ 42,000

Yatton

Relief sewer to relieve surcharging of the Yatton sewers. Scheme approved by County Council and now before the Ministry. £ 20,000

Nailsea

Stage 4 (South-eastern area towards Backwell) of the Nailsea sewerage and sewage disposal scheme. Scheme not yet before Ministry and to be carried out in conjunction with the Trunk sewer scheme. £ 91,000

Trunk Sewer Proposals

Approximate Cost

Trunk sewer with sea outfall in the Clevedon area.
Scheme not yet before Ministry. Hydrographic survey
in Bristol Channel carried out during year.

Not yet
available

Nailsea

Extension of sewers to Lodge Lane, St. Mary's
Grove, and North Street areas. Schemes approved by
County Council and now before the Ministry.

£ 13,900

PUBLIC CLEANSING

During the first half of the year a weekly collection of house refuse
was being made by direct labour in the following parishes:-

Backwell
Brockley
Easton-in-Gordano
Long Ashton
North Weston

Barrow Gurney
Cleeve
Flax Bourton
Nailsea
Yatton & Claverham

and a fortnightly collection in the other 11 parishes.

With the delivery of a new S. & D. refuse collection vehicle, a weekly
collection of refuse is now undertaken throughout the district. This
commenced on the 5th June, 1961. The new arrangements worked smoothly and
the service has been much appreciated by householders.

The refuse tip at the disused quarry at Backwell where adequate quarry
waste is available on the spot for covering and consolidation continues to
run efficiently and without nuisance.

SALVAGE

Over 300 tons of waste paper were collected and baled and disposed of
for just under £2,000. 0. 0. In addition baled mixed rags realized
£118. 0. 0.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE

Cesspool emptying is carried out by the Council, with the occasional
direct employment of a contractor when the demand is too heavy for the
Council's one vehicle.

A charge is made for the service at the following rates:-

Domestic premises. 15/- per load or part of a load.

Business premises. 17/6 per house including travelling time.

During the year the question of providing a free cesspool emptying
service was fully discussed by the Council but it was decided that no
alteration be made in the present arrangements.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Number of dwellings relying on:-

- | | | |
|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| (1) | Chemical closets | 300 |
| (2) | Pail closets | 300 |
| (3) | Other (excluding W.C.'s) | 6 |

Number of conversions to water carriage system during the year.

40

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The Council employ one rodent operator to carry out the duties imposed by the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A free service for rodent disinfection work at private dwellinghouses is provided and the operator is available on request to carry out similar work at business and agricultural premises on a repayment basis.

Particular attention is paid to the Council's refuse tip and other property, by frequent visits and any necessary treatment.

The following figures show the extent of infestations of rats and mice observed by your Operator during the year and the measures of control taken by the local authority:-

TYPE OF PROPERTY					
Non-Agricultural					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	All Other (including Business Premises)	Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)	Agricultural
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	14	8.946	425	9.385	443
Number of properties inspected as a result of: (a) Notification	-	180	16	196	15
(b) Survey under the Act	14	93	177	284	205
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose	-	159	289	446	142
Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections	26	634	352	1012	275
Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats { Major	-	10	8	18	14
{ Minor	4	170	47	221	31
(b) Mice { Major	2	10	11	23	16
{ Minor	3	21	8	32	11

TYPE OF PROPERTY

Non-Agricultural

	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses	(3) All Other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)	(5) Agricultural
Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A.	7	193	71	271	27
Total treatments carried out - including re- treatments	31	434	29	524	51

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
(a) Number of single caravans licensed	13	2
(b) Number of site licences issued in respect of more than one caravan	9	6
(c) Estimated maximum number of occupants resident during year	400	1350
(d) Number of sites closed as a result of above Act.	2	2

Site licences for the larger sites are subject to conditions requiring the execution of works up to the model standards by the 30th June, 1963. No appeals to the Magistrates or requests for the relaxation of conditions have been made in respect of the permanent residential sites.

Some difficulty has arisen in the case of holiday sites used mainly for week purposes and where very little, if any holiday letting occurs. In one case the Magistrates cancelled the conditions requiring the provision of baths or showers, hot water, and laundry facilities, as being unduly burdensome.

One small troublesome site for the gypsy type caravan dweller has now been given permanent planning permission for two caravans and an appropriate site licence requiring the provision of sanitary facilities is about to be issued. This action by the Council appears to coincide with Government's policy on gypsies recently issued.

HOUSING

Number of Permanent Dwellings

as at 31st December, 1960	9,150
Gained by conversions and erected during the year by Local Authority and private enterprise	512
Number of houses demolished, closed, etc.	28
	9,662

TOTAL Number of Permanent Dwellings

	Local Authority	Private Enterprise
as at 31st December, 1961	1817	7817
		<u>9,634</u> TOTAL

Action taken during the year:-

(1)	Number of houses included in Clearance Areas for which Orders are still to be made	Nil
(2)	Number of houses in Clearance Areas which have been patched up for temporary accommodation under Section 48 of the Housing Act, 1957.	6
(3)	Number of houses closed or demolished under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Clearance Areas).	Nil
(4)	Number of houses demolished or closed (a) Under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 (individual unfits). (b) For other purposes (road improvements etc.).	19 Nil
(5)	Number of temporary dwellings (huts, etc.) demolished	Nil
(6)	Number of houses declared unfit under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Capable of repair).	Nil
(7)	Number of houses made fit during year	30
(8)	Number of unfit houses occupied under licence	Nil
(9)	Number of houses in respect of which purchase notices were made in lieu of demolition orders under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.	4

Rent Act, 1957 (1st Schedule)

(a)	Number of applications received	Nil
(b)	Number of certificates issued	Nil

Houses erected during the year:-

	<u>L.A.</u>	<u>P.E.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
For Slum Clearance	32	-	
For other purposes	34	444	
<u>Totals</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>510</u>

Houses in course of erection during the year:-

	<u>L.A.</u>	<u>P.E.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
For Slum Clearance	Nil	-	
For other purposes	19	411	
<u>Totals</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>430</u>

Dwellings gained by conversion of large houses
or buildings into flats or dwellings

Private Enterprise 2

Dwellings lost from conversion of two or more
houses to one

Private Enterprise 9

Number of Post-war houses erected
from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1961.

By Council 1436

By Private Enterprise 2427

Number of houses found overcrowded Nil

HOUSES REQUIRED

(1)	To replace houses scheduled for demolition	50
(2)	To abate overcrowding	20
(3)	For other purposes	150
(4)	Total number of applications for Council houses at the end of the year	210
(5)	Total number of Council Houses sold during the year	8

Old People's Dwellings.

Number erected to 31st December, 1961.	With County Aid	66
	Without County Aid	44

Number in course of construction	With County Aid	17
	(including Warden's house)	

Number of Applicants for Old People's Dwellings	50
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IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Council have been active during the past few years and have encouraged the operation of the Improvement Grant provisions of the Housing Acts, as the following figures show:-

Discretionary

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>
Applications received	46	54	51
Applications approved	40	53	41
No. of dwellings in respect of which approved	52	59	47
Average cost per dwelling approved	£705	£933	£916
No. of applications approved in respect of owner/occupiers	30	40	27

Standard

Applications received	37	62	35
Applications approved	35	54	33

NOTE:- The two applications refused were in respect of a house erected after 1945 and in the other case the standard amenities already existed.

The Council and its Officers publicise the grants at every opportunity and give encouragement to property owners to avail themselves of such financial assistance.

In some cases owners have made enquiries about a standard grant and then been advised to carry out a more comprehensive scheme of improvement with the aid of a discretionary grant.

FOOD

Milk

a)	Number of Registered Distributors	11
b)	Number of Registered Dairy Premises (Other than Dairy Farms).	5

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for:-

a)	Manufacture and retail	2
b)	Manufacture only	Nil
c)	Retail only	94

FOOD HYGIENE

Inspections reveal a steady improvement in the provision of suitable display, preparation and storage equipment.

In several cases where the requirements relating to cleanliness, repair and facilities for washing food and equipment, were not complied with, informal action by letter secured early compliance with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Advice has also been given verbally to individual traders and food handlers. This is a particularly important duty carried out by your Inspectors and requires considerable tact to show recalcitrant and slovenly food handlers the errors of their ways.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958.

Licensed

(a)	Slaughterhouses owned or leased by Council	Nil
(b)	Private slaughterhouses	2

During the year a new private slaughterhouse was completed at Nailsea and brought into use early in the year. This replaced an old slaughterhouse which was quite unsuitable for the amount of slaughtering now taking place.

General supervision has been carried out to secure compliance with the provisions of The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations 1958 and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations.

MEAT INSPECTION

The following are the figures for carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during the year:-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Goats
Number killed (if known)	1461	353	676	4759	4354	195
Number inspected	1461	353	676	4759	4354	195
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	4	6	7	10	4	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	312	145		419	381	34
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	22.31	42.77	1.03	9.01	8.84	17.44
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	15	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.34	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	3	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:-</u>						
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	180	-
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	6078	4692	345	934	1528	40
Total (in lbs.) condemned	6078	4692	345	934	1508	40

PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED

There are 98 premises registered under Section 16, of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 (Ice Cream, Manufactured Meat products etc.).

DISEASE AS OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950.

The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

There are 11 licensed boiling plants in the District.

During the year all these licensed boiling plants were inspected and found to be well maintained and the provisions of the Order complied with.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

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OF THE YEAR 1961 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF LONG ASHTON IN
THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	76	50	6	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	17	10	-	-
Total	99	63	6	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which pros- ecutions were instituted	
	Found	Remedied	To H.M.I. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	1	1	—	1	—
Overcrowding(S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instit- uted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	1	-	-	1	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	3	-	4	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (Sections 110 & 111)

As far as is known there were no outworkers in the District during the year.

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CONCLUSION

The general health of the District remains good. There was a wide spread epidemic of measles throughout all the District but we have fortunately been spared any outbreak of the more serious forms of communicable disease. I am glad to report that the protective inoculation figures have been well maintained.

The general provisions of the Health Service have all continued to run smoothly and efficiently. I would like to mention the Meals on Wheels service organised by the British Red Cross Society, this has been of great benefit to the elderly and infirm. The Home Help Service has also been functioning well but it is handicapped by lack of suitable women willing to help in this vital and invaluable field of service.

In presenting my first Annual report may I express my sincere thanks to Mr. Barker and the Staff of the Public Health and Housing Department for all their guidance and help and also to you, Sir, and all the Council for your forbearance and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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Medical Officer of Health.

